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2009 Ceres Walla Walla Valley

Winemaker's Notes:

Dark, ripe fruit aromas interlace with subtle notes of exotic spices, black tea and tobacco. Mouth-coating tannins cradle flavors of black cherries, black plums, blueberries and blackberries. Hints of dried herbs, olive and earth complement the rich fruit core. This wine, made exclusively for our Coin Club members, flaunts exceptional structure and delivers a long, lengthy finish.

The 2009 Vintage:

The 2009 vintage is the result of a roller coaster growing season. Mother Nature could not make up her mind! A wet, cooler spring gave way to early, hot summer days in May, leading to a late bud break. Then it cooled off once again — and then proceeded to warm up again. All of this weather change made for an exciting harvest of smaller berries with amazing, concentrated fruit and polished tannins. Incredible dark garnet color, great fruit intensity and subtle minerality make our 2009 vintage exceptionally structured, perfectly balanced and a joy to drink.

Viticulture:

100% estate, sustainably farmed.

Wine Specifics:

Varietal(s): 60% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard(s): 100% Les Collines

Appellation: Walla Walla Valley

Oak Program: 100% French oak; 27% new, 73% used

Harvest Date(s): September 10 through October 9, 2009

Finished Alcohol: 14.1%

Total Production: 287 cases

Bottling Date: February 2, 2011

Release Date: May 6, 2011

— *Jean-François Pellet, Winemaker*



dedicated to sustainable viticulture